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REMARKS

In the Office Action, the Examiner reviewed claims 1-20 of the above-identified US Patent Application, with the result that claims 3 and 11-20 were allowed, claims 9 and 10 (which depend from claim 1) were deemed to recite allowable subject matter, and claims 1, 2, and 4-8 were rejected under 35 USC §102 as being anticipated by a Euro Med publication.

In response, independent claim 1 has been amended to incorporate a limitation found in its dependent claim 9 and in Applicant's specification at paragraph [0015], namely, the thigh cuff (14) is shaped such that when worn solely around the wearer's thigh (as shown in Figures 1 through 3) the thigh cuff (14) is inhibited from moving toward the pelvic girdle (12) under the tensile forces generated by the elastic cables (16). In contrast, the equipment disclosed in the Euro Med publication does not comprise thigh cuffs capable of gripping the thigh, but instead has cuffs located at the wearer's knees and adapted solely to route elastic cables extending between the wearer's hips and feet. As such, Applicant respectfully believes that independent claim 1 and claims depending therefrom are allowable over the prior art of record.

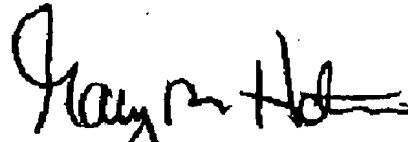
In view of the above, Applicant respectfully requests withdrawal of the claim rejection under 35 USC §102, and favorable reconsideration of his

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patent application.

Should the Examiner have any questions with respect to any matter now of record, Applicant's representative may be reached at (219) 462-4999.

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